

Room. Following the luncheon, the President had telephone conversations with Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel to discuss the Middle East peace process.

The President announced his intention to nominate William Clifford Smith to be a Commissioner on the Mississippi River Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate C. Donald Johnson, Jr., for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator.

The President announced his intention to nominate Luis Sequeria, Chang-Lin Tien, George Langford, Maxine Savitz, and Joseph Miller, to be members of the National Science Board.

The President declared a major disaster in the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered Federal aid to supplement territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 19–22.

September 25

In the morning, the President traveled to Chicago, IL. In the early evening, he traveled to San Jose, CA.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jack Quinn as a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae).

The President today declared an emergency in Florida and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Georges on September 22 and continuing.

The President announced the creation of the White House Task Force on the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Games. This task force will be an interagency effort to coordinate the extensive Federal activities involved in the planning and operation of the Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted September 22

William B. Bader,
of New Jersey, to be an Associate Director of the U.S. Information Agency, vice John P. Loiello.

Eljay B. Bowron,
of Michigan, to be Inspector General, Department of the Interior, vice Wilma A. Lewis, resigned.

Gordon Davidson,
of California, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004, vice Kenneth Malerman Jarin, term expired.

Vivian Lowery Derryck,
an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003, vice John F. Hicks, Sr., term expired.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Non-Proliferation and National Security), vice Archer L. Durham, resigned.

David Michaels,
of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety, and Health), vice Tara Jeanne O'Toole, resigned.

Susan E. Rice,
an Assistant Secretary of State, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2003, vice George Edward Moose, term expired.

Cleo Parker Robinson,
of Colorado, to be a member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004, vice Ira Ronald Feldman, term expired.

Michael J. Sullivan,
of Wyoming, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland.

Aleta A. Trauger,
of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, vice John T. Nixon, retired.

Submitted September 23

Denise E. O'Donnell,
of New York, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of 4 years, vice Patrick H. NeMoyer, resigned.

Submitted September 24

C. Donald Johnson, Jr.,
of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Chief Textile Negotiator.

William Clifford Smith,
of Louisiana, to be a member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term expiring October 21, 2005, vice Frank H. Walk, term expired.

Submitted September 25

George M. Langford,
of New Hampshire, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice Charles Edward Hess, term expired.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr.,
of Delaware, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice John Hopcroft, term expired.

Maxine L. Savitz,
of California, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice Frank H.T. Rhodes, term expired.

Luis Sequeria,
of Wisconsin, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice Ian M. Ross, term expired.

Chang-Lin Tien,
of California, to be a member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004, vice Richard Neil Zare, term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released September 21

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a readout by Deputy Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the President's visit to the United Nations

Statement by the Press Secretary on the release of materials relating to the Independent Counsel's investigation

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister Orban of Hungary

Announcement on emergency assistance to help farmers in crisis

Released September 22

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, Deputy National Security Adviser Jim Steinberg, and Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers on the President's meeting with Prime Minister Obuchi of Japan

Fact sheet: U.S.-Japan Y2K Cooperation Statement

Announcement of nomination for U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York